

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a cross-linkable compound;

Group II, claims 8-9, drawn to a process of making the cross-linkable compound;

Group III, claim 10, drawn to a perfluoropolyether rubber; and

Group IV, claim 11, drawn to an apparatus for transferring a toner image.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7.

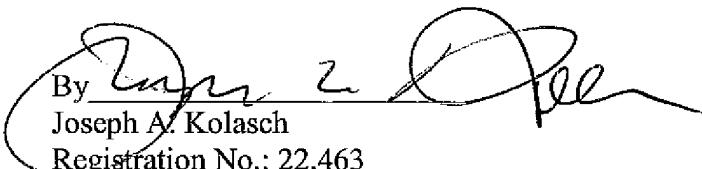
Because of the very close interrelationship between the cross-linkable compounds of claims 1-7 and the process for preparing the cross-linkable compounds as recited in claims 8 and 9, it is believed that at least claims 8 and 9 should be included with original claims 1-7 and thus examined together with claims 1-7 in the present application. Thus, the process claims 8 and 9 specifically deal with the product claims 1-7 and any search conducted by the Examiner would appear to cover both the product and the process for making the product as defined by claims 1-9 of the present application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch, Registration No 22,463 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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